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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement mailed May 29, 2003, the period for response to which extends to June 30, 2003 (because June 29, 2003 is a weekend day), the Examiner requested that the Applicant elect between the following groups:

Group I:

Claims 1-21 and 25-48;

Group II:

Claims 22-24.

As noted in the Requirement, the Applicants elected by telephone on April 8, 2003, without traverse, Group I for prosecution on the merits, and hereby affirm this election.

An additional requirement of Election of Species was included in the mailed Requirement. The examiner requested that the Applicant elect between the following species as identfied by groups of drawings:

Species I:

Figs. 1-8 and 13-15;

Species II:

Figs. 9-15; and

Species III:

Figs 13-17.

The Applicants elect <u>Species I.</u> Applicants believe that Claims 1-13, 16-21, 25-43, 47 and 48 read on the elected species. Furthermore, Applicants believe that at least claims 1, 8, 17, 21, 25, 30, 34, 35, 41 and 48 are generic claims readable on all of the above identified species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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